[21st August 1925

APPENDIX VI.

[Vide item III Communications to the Council on page 499 supra.]

Statement of resolutions passed by the Madras Legislative Council during the last session and the action taken thereon by the Government.

Serial number and subject of resolution.	When passed by the Council.	Nature of action taken by Government.
(1) Release of M. P. Narayana Menon.	22nd Aug. 1924.	The question was reconsidered by Government who have decided not to release him.
(2) No. 3 (269) Recommending to convey to the Government of India the opinion of the Council that the Lee Commission's recommendations regarding public services should not be given effect to in this province.	23rd Aug. 1924.	Proceedings of the Council were forwarded to the Government of India (Letter No. 7463-1, Public, dated 29th August 1924.)
(3) Use of public roads, wells, etc., by members of the depressed classes.	25th Aug. 1924.	The resolution was communicated to all local bodies and heads of departments for information and guidance. It was also published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.
(4) Recommending that the Board's Standing Orders should be so amended as to allow remission of assessment on part fields.	16th Oct. 1924.	The Government were unable to accept the recommendation. They considered that it would be sufficient to take such steps on the occurrence of widespread calamities.
(5) Recommending (i) that funds be provided to the districts affected by floods, etc., for affording relief to sufferers; (ii) that steps be taken and funds provided for the reclamation of silted lands or for affording gratuitous relief to landholders for reclamation purposes or for undertaking silt clearance by Government themselves, and (iii) that application be made to the Government of India for financial assistance in the shape of a special grant or of remission of Provincial contribution.	Do.	(i) His Excellency had already authorized an expenditure of Rs. 40,000 for the immediate relief of the distressed. (ii) In G.O. No. 1599, Revenue, dated 15th October 1924, the Government had offered loans at 6 per cent interest for reclamation of silted lands to lend free of charge and pay the cost of transport of tramway plant available with Government and to have a survey made of the lands affected. In G.O. No. 1759, Revenue, dated 12th November 1924, the Government reduced the rate of interest to 4 per cent for the first two years of the loan period. (iii) A sum of Rs. 1¼ lakhs was obtained from the Indian Peoples' Famine Trust and placed at the disposal of the Central Flood Relief Committee for distribution in the flood-affected districts. An application was also made to the Government of India for a free grant but the Government of India did not sanction it.
(6) Recommending that in Malabar and South Kanara districts, in regard to the single crop lands on which crops have been destroyed and in regard to double crop lands which, after the first crops have been destroyed, have become unfit for raising a second crop on account of floods, land revenue should be wholly remitted and that where a	19th Nov. 1924.	As regards South Kanara, the Government sanctioned remission of assessment in the case of single crop lands on which the wet crop completely failed and double crop lands on which the first crop was destroyed by floods and the second crop could not be raised owing to the deposit of sand or silt or also failed, provided that the area affected was not less than one

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second crop has been grown after the destruction of the first crop remission should be given to the extent of three-fourths.		acre. Lands rendered unfit for cultivation were also granted remission so long as they remained uncultivable. As regards Malabar, the ordinary remission rules in the Board's Standing Order and the concessions granted in G.Os. Nos. 1725, Revenue, dated 6th November 1924, and 1931, Revenue, dated 16th December 1924, were considered sufficient.
(7) Recommending the suspension of the revenue payable on lands affected by the floods for a period of thirty years from the current fasli.	6th Dec. 1924.	The Government were unable to accept the resolution. Orders have however been issued directing— (i) that the holders of wet lands in the Nirarambam tract covered with sand to a depth of over one foot should be given the choice between having the land reclassified as dry for the period of resettlement to be introduced in fasli 1335 and retaining it as wet, and (ii) that if the lands were retained as wet, remission would be granted until the sand is removed.
(8) Stoppage of emigration to Assam ..	6th Dec. 1924.	The Government declined to give effect to the resolution—vide G.O. No. 619, dated 25th February 1925.
(9) Recommending that in the resettlement of the five western taluks of the Bellary district the rates in the case of wet lands under Tungabhadra channels be raised by 12½ per cent and that the rates in the case of other lands bearing an assessment of over 6 annas be enhanced by 6¼ per cent during the period of resettlement.	Do.	The Government were not prepared to accept the recommendation of the Legislative Council. The orders actually passed were published in G.O. No. 373, Revenue, dated 6th March 1925, which was laid on the Editors' Table.
(10) Appointment of a committee to inquire into the conditions of irrigation facilities in the Cuddapah district.	5th Feb. 1925.	Orders appointing the committee were issued in G.O. No. 267 I., dated 25th June 1925. The Government Order has been placed on Editors' Table.
(11) Supply of green manure leaves from the reserved forests.	Do.	Orders of the Government on the resolution have issued in G.O. No. 652, Development, dated 2nd May 1925, which is placed on the Editors' Table.
(12) Appointment of a committee of the Legislative Council to report on the working of the policy laid down in regard to communal representation and to suggest means for the removal of existing inequalities.	2nd Mar. 1925.	Committee has been appointed in G.O. No. 733, Public, dated 3rd August 1925.
(13) Opening of a paddy cultivation farm in South Malabar and in South Kanara.	1st April 1925.	Action is being taken to have a paddy-breeding station opened in Malabar alone during this year.
(14) Appointment of a committee to inquire into the grievances of the non-gazetted officers.	Do.	The resolution was recorded by Government in view of the present financial condition of the province.